

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TEL AV 01164 211433Z

43

ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 AID-05 MC-02 ACDA-05 IO-10 SAM-01

SAB-01 OMB-01 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01

PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 /084 W

----- 129023

O R 211347Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5684

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TEL AVIV 1164

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IS, EG, US, XF

SUBJ: RABIN AND ALLON ON US GUARANTEES

REF: TEL AVIV 1119

1. IN WAKE OF NEWS REPORTS THAT SECRETARY WAS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF US GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL, PRIME MINISTER RABIN ADDRESSED ISSUE FOR FIRST TIME PUBLICLY IN COURSE OF FEBRUARY 20 MEETING WITH STUDENTS AT TEL AVIV'S BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY. MAIN POINTS MADE BY PRIME MINISTER, AS REPORTED BY JERUSALEM POST, ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. RABIN SAID THAT ISRAEL HAD NOT ASKED FOR DEFENSE PACT WITH US, OR FOR AMERICAN GUARANTEES, AND DOES NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR THEM. "THERE NEVER WAS ANY ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WHICH ASKED FOR FOREIGN GUARANTEES FOR ITS EXISTENCE. WHEN IT COMES TO OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TEL AV 01164 211433Z

DEFENSE, WE MUST RELY ON OUR OWN STRENGTH AND ON DEFENSIBLE

BORDERS AND BE ABLE TO SAFEGUARD THESE FRONTIERS".

3. RABIN ADDED THAT ISRAEL MIGHT RELY, HOWEVER, ON SUCH US GUARANTEES AGAINST POSSIBLE AGGRESSION "BY THE SECOND GREATEST WORLD POWER" -- THE SOVIET UNION. "WHEN IT COMES TO DETERRING ACTIVE INTERVENTION BY A WORLD POWER, ISRAEL IS IN THE SAME POSITION AS ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE, WHICH ALSO RELIES ON THE US FULFILLING ITS DUTY TO THE FREE WORLD".

4. FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT BEN-GURION AIRPORT FEBRUARY 21, BEFORE FLYING TO BERLIN FOR MEETING OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, SAID, IN ANSWR TO A QUESTION, THAT ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING TREATY ALLIANCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE US WAS NOT RAISED AT ALL IN TALKS WITH US OFFICIALS--NEITHER DURING HIS VISIT TO THE US NOR DURING KISSINGER'S VISIT IN THE AREA.

5. ISRAELI PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO GUARANTEE ISSUE, WITH WASHINGTON-BASED REPORTERS NOTING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT AS WELL AS SENATOR EAGLETON'S COMMENT THAT CONGRESS PROBABLY WOULD APPROVE DEFENSE PACT WITH ISRAEL IF IT WERE PROPOSED IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL SETTLEMENT. THERE IS ALSO EXTENSIVE COMMENTARY ON PROS AND CONS OF US DEFENSE PACT ALONG LINES NOTED REFTEL, PARA 6.

6. COMMENT: RABIN'S PUBLIC REMARKS ON POSSIBILITY OF US GUARANTEES STRIKE US AS FAIRLY PREDICTABLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. HIS PUBLIC POSITION SEEMS GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH THAT ADOPTED BY MRS MEIR AND OTHERS IN THE PAST.
KEATING

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INTERVENTION, SPEECHES, COLLECTIVE SECURITY AGREEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975TELAV01164
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750062-0583
From: TEL AVIV
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750222/aaaaatdr.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 TEL AVIV 1119
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 MAY 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <02 JUN 2003 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RABIN AND ALLON ON US GUARANTEES
TAGS: PFOR, IS, EG, US, XF, (RABIN, YITZHAK), (ALLON, YIGAL)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006